

## STATE CHEMICAL LABORATORY HAS MADE BIG RECORD

Pure Food Law Violations Prosecuted and Many Other Acts Feature Arkansas Work.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 2.—The state chemical laboratory during the first two years of its existence, has been responsible for the indictment of violators of the state pure food and drug laws, has furnished protection to buyers of commercial feeds and fertilizers, has examined the water used at various state institutions, passed upon mineral samples sent to the state department of mines, manufacture and agriculture, performed work for the state board of health and been of service in many other ways, according to a report submitted to the commissioner of Agriculture, Ferguson, by Dr. M. F. Mangelsdorf, state chemist, covering the period from Jan. 1, 1919, to Nov. 1, 1920.

The department first was established in January, 1919. Since that time, according to the report, complete analyses have been made of 1,532 samples of commercial feeds, 1,940 samples of commercial fertilizers, and 180 samples of cottonseed meal. The results were compared with the guaranteed analysis of the manufacturer or seller of the fertilizers or feeds and the purchasers were enabled to obtain a settlement if the state chemist's analysis showed the commodity bought to be inferior to that represented by the seller.

"This practice, check upon the quality of commercial feeds and fertilizers," the report states, "has protected the farmer from the substitution of inferior goods and has resulted in the establishment of high-grade standards in Arkansas, as well as a proper respect for the feed and fertilizer laws."

The report points out that while there was no specific appropriation for the inspection of foods and drugs, investigations were made whenever alleged violations of the food and drug laws were reported, and in one case in Pulaski county a manufacturer with an extensive business was indicted for misbranding of vinegar. In this case the product was branded and advertised as pure apple vinegar, although analysis showed it to be made largely of chemicals.

The laboratory examined 120 specimens of ore mined in Arkansas, classified the mineral and estimated its value. Several samples of oil also were analyzed for citizens of the state.

The laboratory also has done some soil research work during the two years and includes in its duties the preparation of liquids used for preserving fruits and vegetables for exhibition in the exhibit rooms of the department of agriculture at the statehouse, the report states. It concludes with the statement that the laboratory is modern and complete in all its appointments and that efficiency of the laboratory plant has made it possible to accomplish the amount of work outlined with one chemist and an assistant.

## ARKANSAS SOLONS AVERAGE AGE 45

Many Occupations Are Represented in Next Legislature.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 2.—The average age of the 1921 general assemblymen, who will meet in Little Rock Jan. 10, is 45 and 41.79 years, according to figures compiled in the office of Secretary of State Tom J. Terral, from reports submitted to him by the legislators themselves.

The eldest of the members of the new legislature is John M. Kelson, of Magnolia, who is 82 years old. The youngest member is M. B. Norfleet, Jr., of Forrest City, 21 years old.

Many different professions and trades are represented in the personnel of the house, with lawyers and farmers running a close race for predominance. According to the data available at the secretary of state's office there are 38 farmers and 37 lawyers on the roster of the new assembly. Teachers also will have a good representation while physicians and merchants also will have members to fight their battles.

The list of occupations also show one laborer, J. O. Ledbetter, of Fayetteville; two ministers, Rev. E. F. Herring, of Quinn and Rev. James M. Talkington, of Beebe; a machinist, B. W. Parker, of Van Buren, and one ferryman, Benjamin F. McGraw, of Star City, a state senator.

The house and senate, in their membership, will have a combined total of 76 native Arkansians. Eleven of the new legislators were born in Tennessee, seven in Mississippi, five in Georgia and two in Illinois. Reports received by the secretary of state, which are almost complete, also show that Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Kansas each have a former son on the new legislative roster.

But one foreign-born citizen of Arkansas, however, was elected to the general assembly. He is Henry Thane, 71 years old, of Arkansas City, a representative from Desha county.

Practically all protestant denominations are represented by the legislators, but according to the reports received, the Catholic church has no member in the legislative body. Several representatives report no religious affiliations.

## Colby Again Says He May Make Trip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Secretary Colby, it was said today, now plans to leave Washington Friday for Norfolk, from which port he expects to sail Saturday aboard the battleship Florida on his visit to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The secretary's plans, however, were said to be subject to change although no contingency is expected to arise which would prevent him from carrying them out.

## Villa Pats Obregon On Official Back

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—Among hundreds of congratulatory telegrams pouring in to President Obregon was one from Francisco Villa, the former bandit, from his ranch in Durango. Although the contents of the telegram are not disclosed, they are described as "very effusive."

One of the last acts of the retiring provisional president, Adolfo de la Huerta, was to forward to Villa the title to the hacienda at Canutillo, Durango, which the government gave to him when he surrendered last summer.

## Gibson County Has First Woman Entrant In Register Contest

(Special to The News Scimitar.) TRENTON, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Pauline Fybas Page, the first woman candidate for office in Gibson county, is out for register of the county, and her friends are of the opinion that she has a fair chance of the nomination in the primary of 1921.



Mrs. Page is one of the most popular teachers in the county, and is now occupying the chair of English in Peabody high school, of this city. She has also lectured through the southwestern states under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

In the recent election she rendered valuable aid to the Democratic party, making speeches all over the county.

## BEGINS SEARCH FOR COTTON BOLL WORMS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 2.—Cotton scouting, in an effort to determine if the pink boll worm has gained a foothold in Arkansas, was begun this week in the vicinity of Texarkana, where six weeks will be spent in this work. Scouting in the neighborhood of Prescott was finished last week, and no signs of infestation was discovered. The scouting work has been given an impetus by the report of the worm in New Mexico, the third state in which the pest has been found in the United States.

## \$300,000 LEVEE AT NEWPORT READY SOON

Will Protect City Against Floods and Reclaim Land.

(Special to The News Scimitar.) NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 2.—Work on the construction of the \$300,000 levee for the protection of Newport from flood waters will be completed about Dec. 15, it has been announced by the contractors, Dennison & Burcher.

The levee has been a monster undertaking, and the contractors, it is said, have lost heavily, as their bid was two years ago, prices of all working material advancing steadily since that time. The dirt levee was finished, enclosing most of the town, several months ago and is said to be a most excellent piece of work. In the recent election it has been given to building the concrete sea wall, on the river front for a distance of several hundred feet, and this is nearing completion and will finish the entire work. The sea wall is laid in deep excavation, is four feet wide at the base and nine feet high, the concrete work to connect with the dirt levee.

Newport has suffered twice in the past few years from the flood waters.

## TELLS OF HORRORS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.—An eyewitness survivor from Hadjin, Asia Minor, describing the Turkish bombardment of that place, says it set fire to the town, and the 365 who escaped stumbled over the bodies of the defenders through blazing streets. During the last days of the siege the inhabitants ate donkeys and dogs, finally cats, rats and mice. When the refugees arrived at Adana the French took charge of them.

## Vicksburg Delegates Named For Memphis Cotton Conference

(Special to The News Scimitar.) VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 2.—The directors of the Vicksburg board of trade have appointed the following delegates to the cotton conference to be held next week in Memphis:

B. D. Feld, vice-president of the board of trade; Frank H. Andrews, secretary; T. G. Payton, president American Bank & Trust company, and T. W. McCoy, vice-president Merchants National bank.

The directors also declined to consider the proposition of the Coahoma county chamber of commerce, Clarksdale, Miss., to take action seeking to have congress pass a bill enabling the collector of customs internal revenue to defer the December installment of income taxes for a period of six months; also that the revenue laws be so amended as to enable a taxpayer to deduct from the December installment when paid his losses for 1920 caused by the material reduction of inventory values.

## DRUG THIEVES RAID STORE IN NEWBURN

NEWBURN, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Thieves entered the City Drug company, which is the property of Charles L. Cole, of this city, and took several hundred dollars' worth

of narcotics. The cash register was also looted and several dollars were

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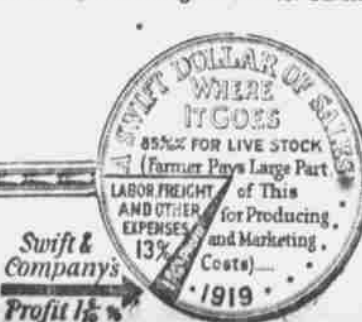
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